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In re application of

Hiroshi YAMANE et al. Conf. 5695

Application No. 10/766,910 Group 1793

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTINUOUS CASTING OF METALS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 29, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of February 27, 2009, extended one (1) month, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.